

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### IN HONOR OF THE FALLEN HEROES OF OPERATION RED WINGS

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2018*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the memory and sacrifice of the nineteen heroes who gave their lives thirteen years ago in Operation Red Wings.

On June 28, 2005, four members of Navy SEAL Team 10—Danny Dietz, Matthew Axelson, Marcus Luttrell, and Michael P. Murphy—were tasked with killing or capturing the high-ranking Taliban official, Ahmad Shah, in the Hindu-Kush Mountains of Afghanistan.

Shortly after encountering a small group of Afghani goat herders, hostile Taliban forces discovered the SEALs' presence and began converging on their position. An intense firefight ensued, in which three of the four SEALs tragically lost their lives.

Responding to the battle, an MH-47 Chinook helicopter and the 160th Special Operations Aviation's Regiment "Nightstalkers" were dispatched to rescue the team—only to be shot down by Taliban forces armed with an RPG. As a result, all sixteen men on board the Chinook—Chris J. Scherkenbach, Corey J. Goodnature, Daniel R. Healy, Erik S. Kristensen, Jacques J. Fontan, James E. Suh, James W. Ponder III, Jeffery A. Lucas, Jeffrey S. Taylor, Kip A. Jacoby, Marcus V. Muralles, Michael L. Russell, Michael M. McGreevy, Jr., Shamus O. Goare, Shane E. Patton, Stephen C. Reich—were killed. The lone survivor of the mission, Marcus Luttrell, lives on to share the amazing story of the mission and the heroic actions that took place.

Tragically, nineteen brave heroes made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country during Operation Red Wings. They selflessly fulfilled their duty and defended our Nation in a time of war, and it is our responsibility to preserve the memory of their sacrifice. Their steadfast service, dedication to country, and the honorable sacrifices they made will never be forgotten. They stood where duty required them to stand, and we are forever grateful for their selflessness.

These men continue to inspire their friends, families, loved ones, and the millions of people around the world who hear the story of their heroic actions. I am privileged to recognize and honor the service of these American heroes who laid down their lives for our great Nation.

### CONGRATULATING KATIE MILLER ON BEING NAMED 2018 OUTSTANDING JUNIOR BY THE ILLINOIS BEEF ASSOCIATION

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katie Miller of Cambridge, Illinois, who was named the 2018 Outstanding Junior of the Year by the Illinois Beef Association.

Katie Miller has excelled on campus at Western Illinois University, where she recently completed her junior year. Her studies in agricultural sciences with an emphasis on animal science were inspired by the time she spent alongside her grandparents working with beef producers. Following the completion of her undergraduate work, she plans to pursue a graduate degree in ruminant nutrition or meat science, while partnering on the farm with her grandparents. Outside of the classroom, Ms. Miller is the Vice President of the Illinois Junior Beef Association Board and has held various other local and state leadership positions with the Illinois Beef Association further demonstrating her qualifications for this award.

It is because of dedicated citizens like Katie Miller that I proudly serve the people of the 17th District of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate Katie Miller on her outstanding achievement and journey into agricultural science.

### HONORING VIETNAM WAR VETERANS FROM CORNING PAINTED POST EAST AND WEST HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2018*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Vietnam War veterans from the Corning Painted Post East and West High School Class of 1968. Nine million Americans, approximately 7.2 million living today, served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the United States involvement in Vietnam between November 1, 1955 and May 7, 1975. When they returned home, our soldiers faced a hostile political climate and received less than a welcome home. These men and women deserve the recognition due for being among the 1.3% of veterans who have served their country honorably in time of war.

Between Painted Post East High School and Painted Post West High School, more than sixty brave men from the graduating class of 1968 served in our military during the Vietnam War. These men answered the call to duty and served their country honorably, yet when they returned home they received little for a welcome home. As the Corning Painted

Post East and West High School Class of 1968 gathers after more than forty-five years to officially welcome these men home, I would like to recognize them for their service to our nation.

Serving in the Army: Robert Brooder, Kent DeCamp, Bill Kane, Francis Killigrew, Michael Wilcox, Patrick Boland, Tom Bosket, Nicholas Cavallaro, Larry Cleveland, Herman DeMonstoy, Ron Faulisi, Joseph Ferratella, Mark Howell, Joseph Kosty, Joseph Maglioca, Fred Panyard, Philip Spart, Joseph Stamilio, Charles Stebbins, Lew Tyler, and Alan Van Etten.

Serving in the Navy: Donald Twist, Walter Delap, Robert Kent, Larry Ketchum, Alan Lambert, Gary Moshier, David Scott, and Preston Perry.

Serving in the Air Force: George Audinwood, Ford Butler, Craig Burrell, Ray Copp, Jessie Glosser, Daniel Henyan, and Bobby Preset.

Serving in the Marines: Dana Eckel, Michael Horvat, and Kent Rawcliffe.

Serving the Department of Defense: Douglas Taft.

Also serving in our military: Gerald Cleveland, Dale French, Michael Hoyt, Randy Little, David Pierce, Gary Rosa, Bobby Winslow, Mike Wray, Ken Byington, Melvin Calkins, Steven Duvall, Martin Geyer, Bill Hager, Steven Kenyon, Alan Mullikan, David Peris, James Pierson, John Poland, Lon Reid, Teny Snyder, and Donald Wead.

We thank you for your sacrifice and service. Welcome home.

Given the above, I ask that this legislative body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor these men who bravely served our country.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll call vote 306. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 306.

### CONGRATULATING GERHARDT PERRY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2018*

Ms. STEFANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Agent Gerhardt Perry on his retirement from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

For the past 20 years, Agent Perry has served our country as an Air Interdiction Agent

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